

PROJECT TITLE

“PISMO BUTTERFLY TREES”

EA# 0L1200

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Project Location:

In the City of Pismo Beach on Route 1 Pismo Beach State Park at the Monarch Butterfly Preserve

Co/Rte/KP/PM: SLO-1 KP 23.33
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Project Description:

The project proposes to enhance the preserve by providing parking for visitors, connectivity to the coastal trail, site amenities and native landscaping.

Project Scope:

Construct 25-30 parking spaces for automobiles, including 1-2 handicapped spaces, a driveway apron,

Existing Funding: None

Future Funding Need:

None, project will be fully funded.

Total Estimated Cost: \$293,000 all phases

Project Schedule: Start PA&ED in FY
2004/05, RTL March 2006

PROJECT INFORMATION

Purpose & Need for the Project:

The Monarch Butterfly Preserve at Pismo Beach State Park is located adjacent to the west side of State Highway Route 1. The facility is a monarch butterfly roost site and attracts thousands of visitors from all over the world. A Federal TEA funded coastal trail currently under construction immediately adjacent to the north boundary of the preserve extends north approximately ½ mile and south approximately ¾ mile. The project proposes to enhance the preserve by providing improved roadside safety with informal parking for visitors, connectivity to the coastal trail, site amenities, and native landscaping. Currently vehicles are parking along the highway shoulder, and backing out into traffic with limited visibility. Those parking on the east side of the highway have to cross through the traffic flow to get to the park. The California Department of Parks and Recreation will maintain the project after completion. The City of Pismo Beach supports the project (see letter dated Jan. 15, 2004). The State Parks Superintendent is also highly supportive of the project.